

## Livelihood & Resilience Sector Working Group (LRSWG) Monthly Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Agenda Items

1. Introductions
2. Remarks and Updates from Co-chairs
3. Sector Performance and Mapping Report
4. Evidence and usage of available information ULEARN Presentation
5. Refugee Livelihoods Sector Good Practices and Lessons
  - Preparations for a national good practices and lessons sharing event in November.
  - Nomination of partners for a selection committee
6. AOB
  - Upcoming events and new initiatives
  - Requests for collaborations
7. Closing Remarks

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<p><b>Remarks and updates from Co-chairs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The national meeting on the Kampala Declaration on Jobs, Livelihoods and Self-reliance for Refugees, Returnees, and Host Communities organized by the IGAD Secretariat was held in Entebbe, Uganda from September 21-22.</li> <li>ii. IRC published and launched a policy brief on Decent work on <b>12th September 2023</b> addressing issues and constraints, and recommendations to Kampala and Nairobi urban refugee access to decent work.</li> <li>iii. ILO extended an invitation to partners for the upcoming <b>October Private sector forum</b> in Kampala. Details: <a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/programmes-and-projects/prospects/news/WCMS_890843/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/programmes-and-projects/prospects/news/WCMS_890843/lang--en/index.htm</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>Sector Performance and Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 partners submitted information on active projects</li> <li>• A total of 138 projects reported</li> <li>• A total funding of USD 11Bn was reported.</li> <li>• Partners reached about 1.2M refugees, about 90% of refugees, in Uganda, which needs crosschecking to ensure accuracy</li> <li>• Of the projects reported, 54 were in Agriculture, 39 in Skills and Employment, 37 in Enterprise Development and Competitiveness, 34 in Financial Inclusion, and 13 in Graduation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IM and LRSWG Co-chairs to hold bilateral engagements with all partners who submitted information to clean data on projects running by <b>mid-October</b></li> <li>• LRSWG Co-chairs to share mapping report by <b>end of October</b></li> <li>• Relevant partner staff were encouraged to participate in the ongoing <i>activityinfo</i> training</li> <li>• IM(UNHCR) to support partners to ensure data on beneficiaries is disaggregated by district, settlement and zone</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on GRF – by Godfrey Ariong, CRRF Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>Participation at GRF:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministers’ meeting will be held on <b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b> to endorse policy pledges</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners interested in providing funding to facilitate government officials for GRF are welcome to assist cover the funding gap</li> <li>The Organizations should write to GRF secretariat to discuss the modalities</li> </ul> <p><b>GRF attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NGO attendance in Geneva, participation is by invite only and Organizations are required to make arrangements through their respective HQs</li> <li>For further details, partners should contact Erika (<a href="mailto:fitzpat@unhcr.org">fitzpat@unhcr.org</a>) at UNHCR</li> </ul> <p><b>Government pledges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bilateral discussions with line ministries were held to draft policy pledges</li> <li>The draft policy pledges were refined based on the guidelines provided by UNHCR</li> <li>The pledges are high-level focusing on; Agricultural value chains, Employment, Market relevant skills, Incentives in regional refugee hosting districts gazetted as special market zones, Increased access to formal and non-formal skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-GRF meeting will be held on <b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence and usage of available information ULEARN Presentation – Marikje Deleu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted 29 Value Chain assessments in the 13 refugee hosting districts in Uganda</li> <li>Mapping of agritech actors</li> <li>Labour Market Assessment (LMA) desk review.</li> <li>Refugee entrepreneurship in Uganda. Desk review for the Uganda refugee response</li> <li>Evidence brief on challenges faced by formal refugee business</li> <li>Mobile Technical Vocational Education and Training programming in the Uganda refugee response</li> <li>Matchmaking: Linking Refugee Talents to Jobs in Uganda</li> <li>Private Sector Engagement</li> <li>Agriculture sector Private Sector Actor (APSA) Mapping</li> <li>Digital Savings Groups (DSG) Learning Review with CWG in close collaboration</li> </ul> <p><b>Reactions from members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusive data for relevant stakeholders including PWDs needs to be availed too through interagency efforts and meaningful engagement of all stakeholders in the process of data generation should be enhanced</li> <li>There's a need to avail the right tools to engage all partners meaningfully regarding data collection, dissemination, and usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U-Learn is offering to support the creation of a repository of research on livelihood efforts and to support the preparations for the best practices and lessons learned workshop in <b>October/November</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Refugee Livelihoods Sector Good Practices and Lessons – 2023</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 9 and 10<sup>th</sup></b> have been designated for a national workshop on good practises on the 5 key thematic areas. Agriculture, Skills and Employment, Entrepreneurship development, financial inclusion, Graduation</li> <li>• To organise this, a committee of 7 partners was constituted that shall among other tasks develop the good practises selection criteria</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Nomination of partners for best practices and lessons learned selection/preparation committee</b></p> <p>The following were nominated to the selection committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marijke Deleu, U-Learn</li> <li>• Isabella Karvinen, UN Women</li> <li>• Gratian Nareebah,DAI</li> <li>• Raymond Mukisa, UNDP</li> <li>• Oscar Wakooli,Humanity and inclusion</li> <li>• AVSI – Joseph Iumba, AVSI Foundation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>On 17<sup>th</sup> october, UNDP will be commissioning market facilities that were constructed in Obongi</p>	
<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marijke Deleu, U-Learn</li> <li>2. Isabella karvinen, UNWOMEN</li> <li>3. Raymond Mukisa, UNDP</li> <li>4. Okello Christine Laura, CARITAS</li> <li>5. Dyba R. Binezzero, One Youth One Heart Initiative</li> <li>6. Martina Starace, CESVI</li> <li>7. Kaleab Zelalem, UNHCR</li> <li>8. Diana Mbabazi K., UNHCR</li> <li>9. Gerald Emoyo, UNCHR</li> <li>10. Henry Wanume, UNHCR</li> <li>11. James Terjanien, FAO</li> <li>12. Alexandra Igel, FCDO</li> <li>13. Charles Alemi Data, UNHCR</li> <li>14. Wakoli Oscar Waluku, HI</li> <li>15. Kasumbe Francis, HI</li> <li>16. Ngabirano Patience, One Youth One Heart Initiative</li> <li>17. Julie Basque, U-Learn</li> <li>18. Cecilie Gundersen, WFP</li> <li>19. Nabirye Alice, IRC</li> <li>20. Jane Kyokusiima Karemire, CARE Uganda</li> <li>21. Albert Macharia Gatibu -Humanity &amp; Inclusion.</li> <li>22. Claire Ayuro, Spouts of water</li> <li>23. Sarah Rubereti. UHCR</li> <li>24. Tarja Saarela-Kaonga, Finnish Refugee Council</li> <li>25. Kevin Aciro, Save the children</li> <li>26. Geoffrey Oyet, ALIGHT Uganda</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27. Florence Mutonerwa, UGAFODE</li> <li>28. Richard Okello Lukiko, YARID</li> <li>29. JUDITH OKALA, YARID</li> <li>30. Lawrence Akena Izakare, CRS</li> <li>31. Patrick Sambaga,TPO</li> <li>32. Ntwali Ivan, GiveDirectly</li> <li>33. Adotu Daniel, NRC</li> <li>34. Olwoch Ocaya Patrick, PostBank</li> <li>35. Godfrey Ayena, CARE</li> <li>36. Musa Kamara, JRS</li> <li>37. Francis Xavier Olede,Postbank</li> </ol>